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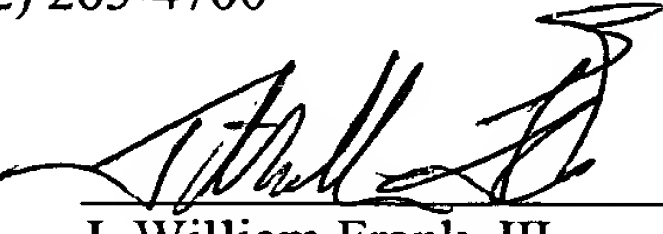
Responsive to the Examiner's Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated July 29, 2005 attached herewith is Applicant's Appeal Brief.

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APPEAL BRIEF

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Party in Interest

The real party in interest in this appeal is Howmedica Liebing, Inc. a Delaware company with an office at 4100 East Milham, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, doing business as Stryker Liebing.

Related Appeals and Interferences

None.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 3-23, 25-29, 31-34, 80-100, 102, and 105-106 are pending in this application and have all been finally rejected.

Status of Amendments to Claims

Amendments to the claims filed in the response dated April 26, 2005 have been entered for purposes of this appeal. An amendment to the abstract filed in the same response has also been entered for the purpose of this appeal.

Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The present application has three independent claims: claims 1, 23, and 29. Claims 2-22, and 80-83 are dependent on claim 1. Claims 25-28, and 84-90 are dependent on claim 23. Claims 31-34, 91-100, 102, and 105-106 are dependent on claim 29.

Claim 1 is directed to a smart instrument (FIG. 1, 102) for use with a surgical navigation system (FIG. 1, 100). The smart instrument includes a housing (FIG. 4, 402), and a plurality of light emitting diodes (FIG. 2, 202a, 202b, 202c, 202d, and 202e) adapted to fire independently (Page 36, Lines 17-18) (Note: All line numbers correspond to the numbers printed in the left margin of the specification as filed, not the actual line count on each page).

The instrument also includes a memory circuit to store information related to the smart instrument (Page 14, line 29 – Page 15, Line 6) and a wireless transceiver (FIG. 2, 204) to communicate with the surgical navigation system (FIG. 12, 1204) (Page 11, Lines 5-6). Further, bi-directional communication between the instrument and the surgical navigation system (Page 10, Lines 26-27) is solely through a wireless communication system (Page 10, Lines 12-15) and also, the smart instrument transmits the information stored on the memory circuit in response to a received signal from the surgical navigation system when the smart instrument is placed within a field of detection (Page 15, Lines 14-19) (Page 22, Lines 5-15) (FIG. 17, 1702).

Claim 23 is also directed to a smart instrument (FIG. 1, 102) for use in a surgical navigation system (FIG. 1, 100). The smart instrument includes a housing (FIG. 4, 402), and a plurality of light emitting diodes (FIG. 2, 202a, 202b, 202c, 202d, and 202e) adapted to fire independently (Page 36, Lines 17-18). The smart instrument also includes a memory circuit to store information related to the smart instrument (Page 14, line 29 – Page 15, Line 6) and a wireless transceiver (FIG. 2, 204) to communicate with the surgical navigation system (FIG. 12, 1204) (Page 11, Lines 5-6). Also, the smart instrument has an activation button (FIG. 2, 214), an adapter interface (FIG. 2, 210) coupled to the housing (Page 13, Lines 9-14); and a release button (FIG. 2, 212) operatively coupled to the adapter interface. The smart instrument can be interchangeably coupled with a patient tracking system and at least one generic instrument (Page 14, Lines 17-25). Further, bi-directional communication between the instrument and the surgical navigation system (Page 10, Lines 26-27) is solely through a wireless communication system (Page 10, Lines 12-15). Also, the smart instrument transmits the information stored on the

memory circuit in response to a received signal from the surgical navigation system when the smart instrument is placed within a field of detection (Page 15, Lines 14-19) (Page 22, Lines 5-15) (FIG. 17, 1702).

Claim 29 is directed to a smart instrument (FIG. 1, 102) for use with a surgical navigation system (FIG. 1, 100). The smart instrument includes a housing (FIG. 4, 402), and a plurality of light emitting diodes (FIG. 2, 202a, 202b, 202c, 202d, and 202e) adapted to fire independently (Page 36, Lines 17-18). The smart instrument also includes a memory circuit to store information related to the smart instrument (Page 14, line 29 – Page 15, Line 6) and a wireless transceiver (FIG. 2, 204) to communicate with the surgical navigation system (FIG. 12, 1204) (Page 11, Lines 5-6). Also, the smart instrument has plurality of control buttons (FIG. 6, 608, 610, and 612) for remotely controlling the surgery system; and a work tip (FIG. 6, 614) coupled to the housing.). Further, bi-directional communication between the instrument and the surgical navigation system (Page 10, Lines 26-27) is solely through a wireless communication system (Page 10, Lines 12-15). Also, the smart instrument transmits the information stored on the memory circuit in response to a received signal from the surgical navigation system when the smart instrument is placed within a field of detection (Page 15, Lines 14-19) (Page 22, Lines 5-15) (FIG. 17, 1702).

Grounds of Rejection

All claims have been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,617,857, Chader et al., hereafter “Chader.”

All claims have been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Chader combined with U. S. Patent No. 6,453,190, Acker et al., hereafter “Acker.”

Argument

Grouping of Claims

Claims 1 and 29, along with their dependent claims, stand and fall together. Claim 23 and the claims dependent thereon should be separately considered, and do not stand and fall with either claim 1 or 29.

Claims 1 and 29, and the claims dependent thereon are not rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) by Chader.

A) The examiner has not met his burden of setting out a *prima facie* case of obviousness of claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon as required under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

In rejecting claim 1, the examiner has focused on the differences between claim 1 and the disclosure of Chader without properly considering either the invention of claim 1 as a whole or the disclosure of Chader as a whole. The Chader disclosure only contemplates or discloses a smart instrument that is hard wired to the computer system. The examiner considers modifying Chader to be a wireless system a choice between one of two alternatives, namely wired and wireless (Paper 24, Paragraph 3). However, as has been previously argued, there were wireless systems in widespread use at the time the Chader invention was made. For instance, devices similar to the Acker secondary reference were well known at the time the Chader invention was made. If it were an easy expedient, Chader would have described both wired and wireless systems. However, this seemingly simple binary approach ignores the fundamental design strictures in the system described in Chader. In Chader, there must be a physical act of connecting the device to the system for the system to recognize the device (Chader, Col 6, lines 56-60). Chader never disclosed or suggested the concept of recognizing the device and beginning the act of querying the device as required by claim 1 when the device is placed within the field of view of the system.

“In determining the propriety of the Patent Office case for obviousness in the first instance, it is necessary to ascertain whether or not the reference teachings would appear to be sufficient for one of ordinary skill in the relevant art having the reference before him to make the proposed substitution, combination, or other modification.” *In re Linter*, 458 F.2d 1013, 1016, 173 USPQ 560, 562 (CCPA 1972). (MPEP §2143.01) Obvious to try is not the appropriate test of obviousness, rather a person of ordinary skill in the art must have a reasonable expectation of success based on reading the cited reference (MPEP §2143.02)

B) Even if the examiner has made out a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the examiner has not properly considered or rebutted the evidence submitted by applicants.

Applicants submitted evidence in the form of two declarations to the examiner showing the unobvious nature of the invention as claimed. A copy is attached as a part of the Evidence Exhibit. The examiner has dismissed this evidence as including “statements which

amount to an affirmation that the claimed subject matter functions as it was intended to function.” On the contrary, the declarations provide evidence that shows the difficulties created by the prior Chader type devices in a surgical setting and the unobvious benefits of the devices as claimed in claim 1. For this added reason, it is contended that the final rejection of claims 1 and 29 and the claims dependent thereon is unwarranted and should be reversed by the Board.

Claim 23 and the claims dependent thereon are not rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) by Chader.

A) The examiner has not met the requisite burden of setting out a *prima facie* case of obviousness of claim 23 and the claims dependent thereon as required under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claim 23 includes an additional element, namely “a release button operatively coupled to the adapter interface, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be interchangeably coupled with a patient tracking system and at least one generic instrument.” The examiner has not shown such a release button present in the device disclosed in Chader. The only release button described in Chader is to enable the device to be coupled to the hard wired harness. This is something that the examiner states would be obvious to remove from Chader. Without the hard wiring as described in Chader, there would be no need for a release button. Further, there is no disclosure or suggestion of the interchangeable feature as set forth in claim 23. For this reason, it is contended that the examiner has failed to meet the burden of showing a *prima facie* case of obviousness as required.

Claims 1 and 29, and the claims dependent thereon are not rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on the modification of Chader with the teaching of Acker.

The examiner has not shown any motivation that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teaching of Chader with the teaching of Acker. Chader has been discussed above and these arguments also apply to the modification of Chader by Acker.

The Acker device is a variant on a well known magnetic system that was well known at the time of the Chader invention. As noted above the inventors in Chader would have been well aware of these magnetic systems and their wireless capabilities. However, the systems

of the type disclosed in Acker do not transmit data relative to the configuration of these magnetic devices to the receiving unit. These units merely transmit magnetic fields that are detected and interpreted by the receiving unit to determine the location of the sending unit. This is sending position or location information in a wireless manner and not the sending of data and instructions as in the present invention. While the examiner maintains that it would have been well within the level of skill to make the system of Chader wireless, the invention as defined in claim 1 would not have been in the possession of one of ordinary skill. At the time of the Chader invention and at the time the present invention was made, it would have been recognized that the amount of data that needed to be transferred between the instrument and the systems necessitated a hard wired systems for the type of systems as claimed. The examiner has dismissed this argument as opinion by applicant, but the opinion that this difficulty could easily be overcome is also an unsupported assertion on the part of the examiner. It is maintained that the examiner has failed to present a *prima facie* case of obviousness of claim 1 based either on Chader alone or Chader in combination with Acker.

Claim 23 and the claims dependent thereon are not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on the combined teaching of Chader and Acker.

As with claims 1 and 29 discussed above, there is no motivation to combine the disclosures of Chader and Acker to arrive at the invention as claimed in claim 23. Acker does not disclose an interchangeable feature nor does Chader. Neither document nor the combination of these documents suggest or would lead a person of ordinary skill to the invention as claimed in claim 23. The functionality as presently claimed in claim 23 is not shown in either cited document and therefore there can be no suggestion of claim 23 by Chader and Acker. Therefore, this rejection should be reversed by the Board.

Conclusion

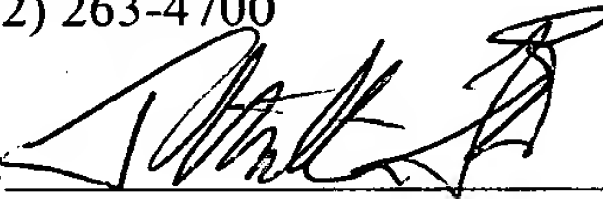
The examiner has failed to meet the burden required by 35 U.S.C. 103(a) to show that the invention of the claims under appeal would have been obvious to one of skill in the art at the time the invention was made based either on Chader alone or the combination of Chader and Acker. Further, the examiner has not properly considered the evidence that was

submitted and the examiner has summarily dismissed this evidence without proper consideration.

Therefore the final rejection of all claims should be reversed by the Board and this application passed to issue.

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Claims Appendix

Claims:

1. A smart instrument for use in a surgery system, comprising:
a housing;
a plurality of light emitting diodes coupled to the housing and being adapted to fire independently;
a memory circuit for storing information related to the smart instrument; and
a wireless transceiver adapted to communicate with the surgery system, wherein bi-directional communication of the smart instrument with the surgery system is solely through a wireless communication system and wherein the smart instrument transmits the information stored on the memory circuit in response to a received signal from the surgery system when the smart instrument is placed within a field of detection.
3. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the information includes identification information.
4. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument includes a status light.
5. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be for a specific purpose.
6. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a pointer.
7. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a scalpel.
8. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a probe.

9. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a validation tool for other smart instruments.

10. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a suction device.

11. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a pin.

12. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a clamp.

13. The smart instrument of claim 3, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be interchangeably coupled with a plurality of generic instruments.

14. The smart instrument of claim 3, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be interchangeably coupled with a patient tracking system.

15. The smart instrument of claim 3, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be interchangeably coupled with a patient tracking system and at least one generic instrument.

16. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument includes an activation button.

17. The smart instrument of claim 3, wherein the smart instrument includes an activation button.

18. The smart instrument of claim 17, wherein the information includes a status of the activation button.

19. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument includes a plurality of control buttons for remotely controlling the surgery system.

20. The smart instrument of claim 3, wherein the smart instrument includes a plurality of control buttons for remotely controlling the surgery system.

21. The smart instrument of claim 20, wherein the information includes a status of control buttons.

22. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the smart instrument includes an up button, a select button, and a down button.

23. The smart instrument for use in a surgery system, comprising:
a housing;
a plurality of light emitting diodes coupled to the housing and being adapted to fire independently;
a memory circuit for storing information related to the smart instrument;
a wireless transceiver adapted to communicate with the surgery system;
an activation button;
an adapter interface coupled to the housing; and
a release button operatively coupled to the adapter interface,
wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be interchangeably coupled with a patient tracking system and at least one generic instrument, wherein bi-directional communication of the smart instrument with the surgery system is solely through a wireless communication system; and
wherein the smart instrument transmits the information stored on the memory circuit in response to a received signal from the surgery system when the smart instrument is placed within a field of detection.

25. The smart instrument of claim 24, wherein the information stored on the memory circuit is updated by the surgery system.

26. The smart instrument of claim 24, wherein the information stored on the memory circuit includes calibration information.

27. The smart instrument of claim 26, wherein the calibration information is updateable using a calibration station.

28. The smart instrument of claim 24, wherein the smart instrument further includes a validation point for validating other smart instruments.

29. A smart instrument for use in a surgery system, comprising:
a housing;
a plurality of light emitting diodes coupled to the housing and being adapted to fire independently;
a memory circuit for storing information related to the smart instrument;
a wireless transceiver adapted to communicate with the surgery system;
a plurality of control buttons for remotely controlling the surgery system; and
a work tip coupled to the housing, wherein bi-directional communication of the smart instrument with the surgery system is solely through a wireless communication system, and wherein the smart instrument transmits the information stored on the memory circuit in response to a received signal from the surgery system when the smart instrument is placed within a field of detection.

31. The smart instrument of claim 30, wherein the information stored on the memory circuit is updated by the surgery system.

32. The smart instrument of claim 30, wherein the information stored on the memory circuit includes calibration information.

33. The smart instrument of claim 32, wherein the calibration information is updateable using a calibration tool.

34. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument further includes a validation point for validating other smart instruments.

80. The smart instrument of claim 1, wherein the information stored on the memory circuit is updated by the surgery system.

81. The smart instrument of claim 3, wherein the information stored on the memory circuit includes calibration information.

82. The smart instrument of claim 81, wherein the calibration information is updateable using a calibration station.

83. The smart instrument of claim 9, wherein the smart instrument further includes a validation point for validating other smart instruments.

84. The smart instrument of claim 23, wherein the information includes identification information.

85. The smart instrument of claim 84, wherein the smart instrument includes a status light.

86. The smart instrument of claim 84, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be interchangeably coupled with a patient tracking system.

87. The smart instrument of claim 84, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be interchangeably coupled with a patient tracking system and at least one generic instrument.

88. The smart instrument of claim 87, wherein the smart instrument includes an activation button.

89. The smart instrument as set forth in claim 84, wherein the information also includes calibration information.

90. The smart instrument of claim 88, wherein the information includes a status of the activation button.

91. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the information includes identification information.

92. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument includes a status light.

93. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a pointer.

94. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a scalpel.

95. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a probe.

96. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a validation tool for other smart instruments.

97. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a suction device.

98. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a pin.

99. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument is adapted to be used as a clamp.

100. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument includes an activation button.

102. The smart instrument of claim 100, wherein the information includes a status of the activation button.

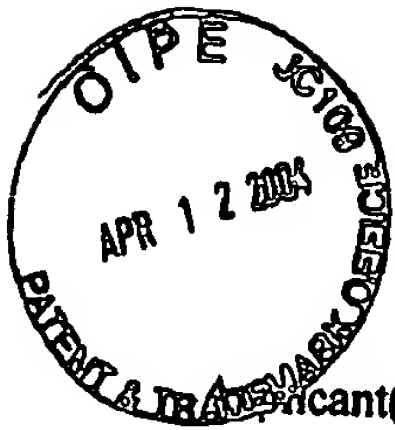
105. The smart instrument of claim 104, wherein the information includes a status of the control buttons.

106. The smart instrument of claim 29, wherein the smart instrument includes an up button, a select button, and a down button.

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Evidence Appendix

The declarations were submitted with the Rule 116 Amendment dated April 5, 2004. The Advisory Action of May 7, 2004, indicated that the declarations were considered (Box 5 of the PTOL-303 form).



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Declaration of Dr. Jay H. Klarsfeld, M.D. made under Rule 132

I, Jay H. Klarsfeld declare as follows:

1. That I am a surgeon specializing in Otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat) and my Curriculum Vitae outlining my education and specializations is attached as Exhibit A.
2. That I am currently a consulting surgeon for the Stryker Corporation, a related entity to the assignee of the present application.
3. That I am familiar with the use of surgical navigation systems and instruments in the ear, nose and throat area and in particular in sinus surgery and I have used a number of different surgical navigation systems in the past including passive navigation tracking systems and a system that uses wireless hand pieces of the type as claimed in the present application. As noted in my Curriculum Vitae, I have lectured on the use of image guided technology (surgical navigation) for sinus and other surgeries.
4. That I understand that the present patent application is claiming the use of wireless communication between the surgical navigation system and the individual instruments in combination with other elements of the currently pending claims

5. That I understand that the current application has been rejected because the invention as claimed is considered obvious in view of a patent that discloses a wired or tethered instrument communicating with a surgical navigation system.

6. That I believe that the use of wireless communication between an active smart instrument and a surgical navigation system has been recognized as a significant advance today and I believe it would not have been considered as obvious on January 27, 2000 for the reasons set forth below:

a. The use of a wireless system simplifies the setup prior to a typical ear nose and throat surgery such as a sinus surgery, and after using a wireless system, I would not use a hard wired optical system;

b. In sinus surgery there are a large number of instruments and devices in the surgical field that require power cords, suction tubes and the like. A listing of the typical instruments that are often simultaneously present in the surgical field for sinus surgery is attached as Exhibit B. A typical hardwired system will add from 3 to 5 wires to the surgical field.

c. The use of a wireless hand piece that can be tracked by the surgical navigation system is much less cumbersome and provides a significantly greater range of motion to me in performing these surgical techniques allowing me to perform these tasks properly, in less time, and with lower fatigue. A wired hand piece has a wire that drags, can catch on other instruments and wires, and will actually pull against the direction I need to move the hand piece. In addition, for optical systems, it is important to be able to face the tracking device towards the camera at all times. The inclusion of wires make it more difficult to properly angle the tracking device so the device is visible to the cameras.

d. The use of a wireless hand piece minimizes issues relating to maintenance of the surgical field in a sterile state because there is no requirement to pass a portion of the cord to a technician to attach the hand piece to the surgical navigation computer.

e. In my view the wireless, hardwired issue is so important that a number of companies that make tracking implements and devices have abandoned hard-wired active optical systems in favor of passive wireless optical systems and have not developed wireless active optical tracking devices as claimed in the present application.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above referenced application or any patent issued thereon.

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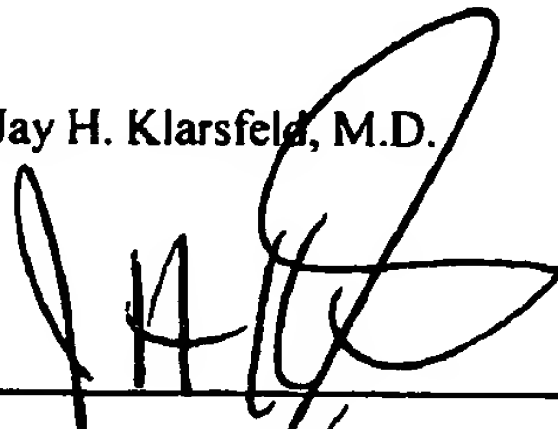

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Exhibit A
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1991 – 1993 Secretary / Treasurer, Department of Surgery – Danbury Hospital

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American Academy Ambulatory Surgery Centers
American Rhinologic Society
Connecticut State Medical Society
Danbury Medical Society
Fairfield County Medical Society
New York Metropolitan Facial Plastic Surgery Society – Charter Member

PUBLICATIONS

1. Klarsfeld, J., : Surgical Therapeutic Approach to the Management of Full Thickness Burns. Mt. Sinai J. Med. 48 (5): Sept – Oct., 1981
2. Klarsfeld, J., Edelstein, D. and Biller, H.F.: Benign and Malignant Schwannomas of the Brachial Plexus. (Accepted to the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery); Fall Meeting, October 1985
3. Klarsfeld, J., Sacks, S.H., and Green, R.P.: Radical Neck Dissections Necessitated by a Retro Pharyngeal Abscess. New York State Journal of Medicine, Vol. 87, October 1987, 567 – 569
4. Klarsfeld, J.: Is Image-Guided Surgery Right For Your Facility?. Outpatient Surgery Magazine. July 2003

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

1. Sinus Masters Course; Chicago, Illinois; Image-Guided Surgical Instructor; December 2001
2. Mount Sinai Medical Center, Department of Otolaryngology - Grand Rounds; New York, New York; Evaluating Image Guided Surgical Systems; Lecturer; November 2002
3. Annual Combined Meeting; Oklahoma & Arkansas State Otolaryngology Societies;

- Branson, Missouri; Image-Guided Surgery Lecturer & Panel Participant; May 2002
4. Sinus Masters Course; Dallas, Texas; Image-Guided Surgical Instructor; June 2002
 5. American Academy Ambulatory Surgical Centers – Annual Meeting; New Orleans, Louisiana; Image-Guided Surgery: Using Technology To Grow Your ASC; Lecturer; March 2003
 6. Ambulatory Surgical Center and Specialty Surgical Hospital Development Conference; Getting Started: Clinical & Business Perspectives on Developing and Operating Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Surgical Hospitals; Las Vegas, Nevada; New Technology & Image Guidance Lecture; April 2003
 7. American Academy Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery – Annual Meeting; Orlando, Florida; Instructional Course – Image Guided Surgical Systems: Evaluation & Business Plan Development; Instructor; September 2003
 8. Buffalo Otolaryngology Society – Quarterly Meeting; Buffalo, New York; Indications and Business Plan Development For The Purchase of an Image Guided Surgical System; October 2003

Exhibit B
Sinus surgery set up devices

- Scope & Irrigator
 - light cord
 - camera & cord
 - suction tubing
 - irrigation tubing
- Debrider
 - power cord
 - suction tubing
- Headlight
 - light cord
- Cautery
 - power cord
- Suction Tubing
- On The Floor
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Declaration of Dr. Amin Bardai Kassam, M.D. made under Rule 132

I, Dr. Amin Bardai Kassam declare as follows:

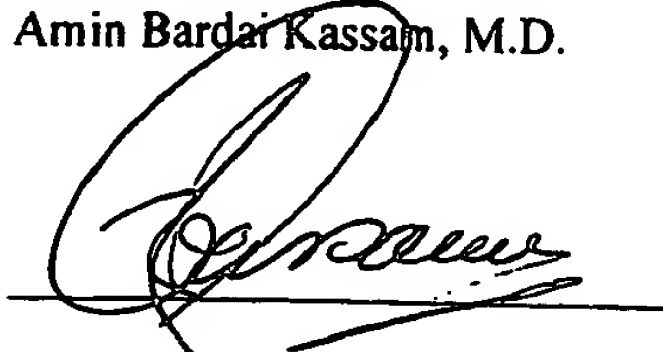
1. That I am a surgeon specializing in neurological surgery and my Curriculum Vitae outlining my education and specializations is attached as Exhibit A.
2. That I am currently a consulting surgeon for the Stryker Corporation, a related entity to the assignee of the present application.
3. That I am familiar with the use of surgical navigation systems and instruments in the neurosurgeries and I have used a number of different surgical navigation systems in the past including passive navigation tracking systems and a system that uses wireless hand pieces of the type as claimed in the present application.
4. That I understand that the present patent application is claiming the use of wireless communication between the surgical navigation system and the individual instruments in combination with other elements of the currently pending claims
5. That I understand that the current application has been rejected because the invention as claimed is considered obvious in view of a patent that discloses a wired or tethered instrument communicating with a surgical navigation system.
6. That I believe that the use of wireless communication between an active smart

instrument and a surgical navigation system has been recognized as a significant advance today and I believe it would not have been considered as obvious on January 27, 2000 for the reasons set forth below:

- a. The use of a wireless system simplifies the setup prior to a typical neurosurgery, such as a surgery to remove a brain tumor;
- b. In neurosurgery there are a large number of instruments and devices in the surgical field that require power cords, suction tubes and the like.
- c. The use of a wireless hand piece that can be tracked by the surgical navigation system is much less cumbersome and provides a significantly greater range of motion to me in performing these surgical techniques allowing me to perform these tasks properly, in less time, and with lower fatigue. A wired hand piece has a wire that drags, can catch on other instruments and wires, and will actually pull against the direction I need to move the hand piece.
- d. The use of a wireless hand piece minimizes issues relating to maintenance of the surgical field in a sterile state because there is no requirement to pass a portion of the cord to a technician to attach the hand piece to the surgical navigation computer.

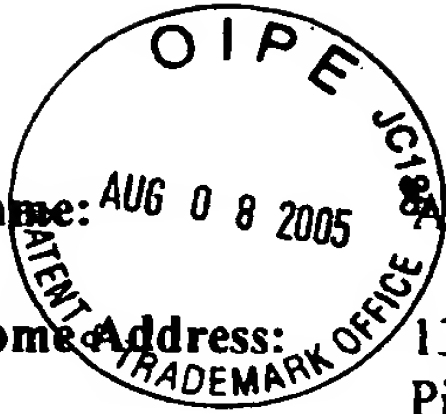
7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above referenced application or any patent issued thereon.

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APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

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1998-Present	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian, Montefiore, Shadyside	Attending Staff
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2003-Current	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery	Associate Professor

ADMINISTRATIVE

1998-Present	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Stroke Committee	Executive Committee Member
1999-Present	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Center for Cranial Base Surgery (Neurosurgery)	Director (Section Chief)
1999-Present	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Center for Cranial Nerve Disorders	Director (Section Chief)
1999-Present	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Center for Cerebrovascular Surgery	Associate Director
2001-Present	UPMC Center for Assessment of Surgical Technology (CAST)	Director

2001-Present	UPMC Department of Neurological Surgery Steering Committee	Member
2001-Present	UPMC Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery	Director
2002-Present	UPMC Department of Neurological Surgery Patient Satisfaction Committee	Committee Member
2002-Present	UPMC Department of Neurological Surgery Technology Assessment Committee	Committee Member
2002-Present	UPMC Department of Neurological Surgery Tissue Review Committee	Committee Member
2002-Present	UPMC Department of Neurological Surgery Research Committee	Committee Member

SPECIALITY BOARDS

2001-Present	National Institutes of Health Data Safety & Monitoring Committee	Member
2001-Present	Hemifacial Spasm Association	Medical Advisory Board Member
2001-Present	Advanced Cranio-Maxillofacial Forum	Member, Board of Trustees

CORPORATE APPOINTMENTS

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American Board of Neurological Surgery (written)	1996

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MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Ontario Medical Association
 North American Skull Base Society
 American Association of Neurological Surgeons
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 American Heart Association Stroke Council
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HONORS

Frederick Urghart Academic Scholarship	1985
Aga Khan Academic Scholarship	1985
Canadian Achievement Award	1985
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Gold Medalist Princeton Model United Nations Competition	1988
American Association of Neurology Experimental Research Competition	1988
George Brown Memorial Award of Research, University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine	1990
Track Scholarship in Surgery, University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine	1991
Harkom Lecturer (Harkom Award at Washington, P.A.)	2000
National Registry of WHO's WHO	2000
Strathmore's WHO'S WHO	2000
UPMC Presbyterian Above & Beyond Program	2000
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Preceptor, postgraduate research practicum, Masters in Nursing Program	
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3. Kassam AB, Snyderman C, Carrau R, Scwabassi R, Hirsch B, Horowitz MB. Minimally Invasive Endoscopic Surgery of the Cranial Base and Pituitary Fossa, UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 23-24, 2004.

INVITED LECTURES:

International:

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2. Kassam AB. Cushing's Disease: A Consensus Statement. Collins Surgical Day, Ottawa General Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, May, 1996.
3. Kassam AB. Genetics of Cerebral Aneurysms. Neuroscience Rounds, Visiting Professor, Ottawa General Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, June 26, 1998.
4. Jannetta PJ, Kassam AB. Advances in Endoscopic Pituitary Surgery. XIII Bi-annual Neurosurgical Congress of South Africa, Bloemfontein, South Africa, October 2, 1998.
5. Kassam AB. Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery. VIII Annual South American Advanced Endoscopic Dissection Course of the Paranasal Sinuses, Orbit and Skull Base. Bogota,

Columbia, February 23, 2000.

6. **Kassam AB.** Cerebrospinal Fluid Leaks: A neurosurgical perspective. VIII Annual South American Advanced Endoscopic Dissection Course of the Paranasal Sinuses, Orbit and Skull Base. Bogota, Columbia, February 23, 2000.
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13. **Kassam AB.** Current Concepts of Endoscopic Instrumentation in Cranial Base Surgery, KLS Martin, Muhlheim, Germany, May 15, 2000.
14. **Kassam AB.** An Integrated Research Plan to establish the Safety and Efficacy of Fibrant Sealants in Neurosurgery, Baxter/Immuno Hyland Corporation, Vienna, Austria, May 19, 2000.
15. **Kassam AB.** Evaluation of Skull Base Surgery. Tai Pai, Taiwan, November 20, 2003.
16. **Kassam AB.** Management of Cranial Base Trauma and Tumors Discussion/Hospital Tour. TriService General Hospital, Taichung, Taiwan, November 21, 2003.
17. **Kassam AB.** Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery. Jin-Dian Hotel, Tai Jung, Taiwan, November 21, 2003.
18. **Kassam AB.** Skull Base Surgery Past and Present. Asian Australasian Congress, Singapore, November 23, 2003.

National:

1. **Kassam AB.** New Concepts in Vascular Compression of the Cranial Nerves and Brain Stem, Mainstreaming Neurosurgery, (Key Note Speaker) Southern Medical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 20, 1998.
2. **Kassam AB.** Advances in Cranial Base Surgery. Neurosurgery Grand Rounds. Visiting Professor, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York, January 25, 1999.
3. **Kassam AB.** Minimally Invasive Pituitary Surgery. American College of Surgeons 45th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1999.
4. **Kassam AB.** Advances in Cranial Base Surgery, Neurosurgery Grand Rounds Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas, March 4, 1999.
5. **Kassam AB.** Neurosurgical Uses of Fibrant Sealants. Baxter/Immuno Hyland Division Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA, March 8, 1999.
6. **Kassam AB.** Management of Trigeminal Neuralgia. Trigeminal Neuralgia Association (Philadelphia Chapter). Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 20, 1999.
7. **Kassam AB.** Cranial Base Surgery: An Overview. KLS Martin, Jacksonville, FL, January 21, 2000.
8. **Kassam AB.** Surgery of the Cranial Nerves, Compass Medical Education Network, Review Course in Neurological Surgery, January 31, 2000.
9. **Kassam AB, Horowitz MH.** Evolution of Microvascular Decompression of Hemifacial Spasm. National Blepharospasm Society Annual Meeting. University of Kentucky, Lexington Kentucky. August 26, 2000.
10. **Kassam AB.** Neurosurgical applications of fibrin sealants. Cambridge Healthtech Institute's 6th Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, October 6, 2001.
11. **Kassam AB.** Microvascular Decompression for Cranial Neuropathy: When and When Not to Do It. Wayne State University Visiting Professor Lecture Series. Detroit, Michigan, November 21, 2001.
12. **Kassam AB.** Reconstruction techniques in Cranial Base Surgery. Vail, Colorado, January 23, 2002.
13. **Kassam AB.** Recent Advances in Cranial Base Surgery. Bonzman, Montana, July 29, 2002.
14. **Kassam AB.** Endoscopic Microneurosurgery. The VI Detroit Neurosurgery Symposium: The

Renaissance of Neurosurgery. Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. September 13, 2002.

15. **Kassam AB.** Skull Base Approaches and Microvascular Decompression. The Congress of Neurological Surgeons 52nd Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. September 22, 2002.

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1. **Kassam AB.** Neurosurgical Emergencies. Ambulatory Sub-Specialties Course. Department of Neurological Surgery, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Department of Neurological Surgery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1998
2. **Kassam AB.** Brain Tumors. Ambulatory Sub-Specialties Course. Department of Neurological Surgery, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Department of Neurological Surgery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1998.
3. **Kassam A.B.** Neurosurgical Management of Pituitary Tumors. University Of Pittsburgh Medical Center Endocrinology Conference, Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1998.
4. **Kassam AB.** Cerebral Vasospasm. Critical Care Nursing Rounds. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1998.
5. **Kassam AB.** Management of Trigeminal Neuralgia. Trigeminal Neuralgia Association (Pittsburgh Chapter). Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. September 19, 1998.
6. **Kassam AB.** Stroke Protocol. United Community Hospital Physician Outreach Program, Grove City, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1998.
7. **Kassam AB.** Anterior Base Pitfalls. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Department of Otolaryngology Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1998.
8. **Kassam AB.** Stroke Update. UPMC Beaver Valley CME Lecture Series, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1999.
9. **Kassam AB.** Microvascular Decompression for Cranial Neuropathy. Department of Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May, 1999.
10. **Kassam AB.** Diagnosis and Management of Cranial Base Tumors. Continuing Education lecture, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital, Kittanning, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1999.

11. **Kassam AB.** Hydrocephalus: What you need to know from an ENT Perspective. Department of Otolaryngology Grand Rounds, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1999.
12. **Kassam AB.** Diagnosis of Vasospasm. Neurovascular Nursing Rounds, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 3, 2000.
13. **Kassam AB.** Cerebral Vasospasm: Diagnosis and Management. Neurovascular ICU Nursing Teaching Rounds. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 4, 2000.
14. **Kassam AB.** Evolution of Microvascular Decompression for Hemifacial Spasm. Grand Rounds, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Department of Otolaryngology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 4, 2000.
15. **Kassam AB.** The Harkom Key Note Address: Update on Stroke Management: Evidenced Based Management of Carotid Stenosis. Washington, Pennsylvania, Neurosciences Conference 2000, May 5, 2000.
16. **Kassam AB, Horowitz MB.** Management and Diagnosis of Facial Pain and Facial Tics. St. Margaret's Hospital, Medical Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 5, 2001.
17. **Kassam AB, Horowitz MB.** Advances in Cranial Base Surgery Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 4-5, 2001.
18. **Kassam AB.** Molecular Genetics of Cerebral Aneurysm. Continuing Education lecture, 5th Annual Symposium on Applied Physiology of the Peripheral Circulation, Cerebral Blood Flow: Mechanisms of Ischemia, Diagnosis and Therapy, Pittsburgh Hilton and Towers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 9-10, 2001.
19. **Kassam AB.** Management of intraventricular tumors. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Neuroscience Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 16, 2002.
20. **Kassam AB.** Pituitary Surgery: Multimodal Approach. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Endocrinology Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 18, 2002.
21. **Kassam AB.** Co-Chairman for Interdisciplinary Problem Solving in Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery. Skull Base Surgery. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 23-24, 2002.
22. **Kassam AB.** Trilogy in the Anterior Cranial Base, .Combined Neuroscience Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 3, 2002.
23. **Kassam AB.** Recent Advances in Skull Base Surgery, Eye & Ear Institute Grand Grounds. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 4, 2002.
24. **Kassam AB.** Molecular Biology of Cerebral Aneurysms. University of Pittsburgh Medical

Center, Neuroscience Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 8, 2003.

25. **Kassam AB.** Endoscopic MVD Surgical Procedure. Hemifacial Spasm Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 19, 2003.

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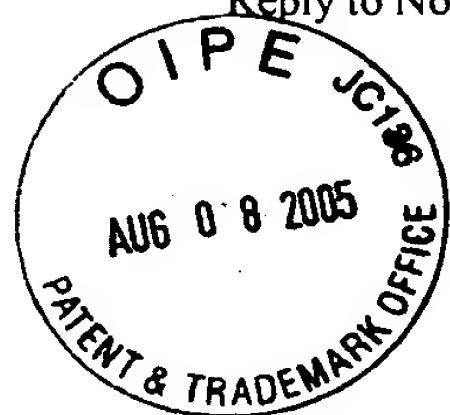
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Target Therapeutics, Inc. (Corporate Funding)	Validation of Canine Venous Pouch Aneurysm Model by Comparison to Pathological Specimens of Human Aneurysms (No Grant #)	PI 5%	7/1/01 - 12/31/02	\$52,540.00
Baxter (Corporate Funding)	Study of the neurocompatability of Tisseel Fibrin Sealant in Primates (No Grant #)	PI 15%	9/1/00 - 8/31/01	\$250,000.00
Macropore, Inc. (Corporate Funding)	Evaluation of MacroPore TS in a Canine Model (No Grant #)	Co- Investigator 5%	11/1/01-10/31/02	\$51,062.00
Seacoast (Corporate Funding)	Safety and Characterization Study of Chiller Button (No Grant #)	PI 5%	12/15/00-1/31/02	\$24,812.00
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